

# Reds Accuse U.S. Aide of Espionage

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The Soviet government news-  
paper Izvestia charged last  
night that Commerce Depart-  
ment officials were acted as a  
"provocateur" and agent on  
behalf of U.S. intelligence  
interests.

Izvestia identified the man as  
Harry Barnett and said he was  
an assistant department chief in  
the National Bureau of Stand-  
ards.

Agency officials here said  
there was no bureau employee  
with that name, but referred  
inquiries to Harry C. Burnett  
Jr., special assistant to the  
chief of the metallurgy division  
in the Bureau of Standards.

Izvestia accused Harry Bar-  
net of trying to interest a Soviet  
official in classified material  
and of attempting to convince a  
Soviet citizen to work with  
American intelligence.

Both Russians were unnamed  
by Izvestia, which said "the  
whole matter ended with the  
Soviet ambassador lodging an  
official protest with the State  
Department."

Burnett, of 4507 Dalton Rd.,  
Chevy Chase, said he could

think of no other Bureau of  
Standards employee to whom the  
Soviet newspaper might be  
referring. He added: "I never  
got involved with anything like  
that."

Burnett said the only Soviet  
citizen he knew was a man he  
met through the American  
Society for Metals "a long time  
ago — about 1961 or so." He  
said the relationship was a  
casual one.

Burnett said he never has  
been involved in espionage or  
intelligence work.

Also named by Izvestia as a  
"provocateur" was John Humi-  
nik Jr., an engineer living at  
5906 John Adams Drive, Camp  
Springs, Md.

Huminik, board chairman of the  
Chemorox Corp., a Mt. Ranier  
chemical company, disclosed in  
mid-September that he worked  
under cover for the FBI for five  
years to provide information  
that led to the expulsion of  
Soviet diplomat Valentin A.  
Revin.

Revin, second-ranking science  
attache at the Soviet embassy  
here, was declared persona non  
grata by the State Department  
on the grounds that he paid \$5,

000 to an American business-  
man for information about the  
Surveyor moon probe and top-  
secret military activities.

Izvestia charged that Huminik  
met with an unnamed Soviet  
specialist and left with him a  
document marked "secret"  
containing material on Ameri-  
can chemical and bacteriologi-  
cal weapons.

Revin sat in on some of the

meetings with Huminik and as a  
result was "slandered" and  
expelled, Izvestia said.

"I never planted anything. He  
was chasing me to get informa-  
tion. I never gave them any-  
thing on chemical or bacterio-  
logical weapons," Huminik said  
yesterday.

Huminik said he knew Burnett  
because both men were mem-  
bers of the American Society  
for Metals, and said Burnett  
also knew some Soviet citizens  
in this country. Huminik said he  
first met Revin at an American  
Society for Metals meeting.

But Huminik said Burnett was  
"one of thousands of people I  
know" and "was not involved"  
in the events leading up to  
Revin's expulsion.

In another allegation, Izvestia  
charged that Marshall D.  
Shulman, associate director of  
the Russian Research Center at  
Harvard University, had been  
"censoring" the mail of Soviet  
students at Harvard.

Izvestia said Shulman used  
blackmail and threats in an  
effort to get one Soviet student  
to defect to the United States.

The paper said he was aided  
by a man identified as Jerry

Platt, whom it said was a  
Harvard professor specializing  
in Marxism.

Friends of Shulman said he  
and his wife were now in the  
Soviet Union and were not  
expected to return to this  
country until mid-December.

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